



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Henry "Jay" Branscum, of Cairo, Missouri, was a firefighter for the Northeast R-IV Rural Fire Association; and

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2011, Firefighter Branscum, age 32, died in the line of duty while fighting a multiple-structure fire; and

WHEREAS, firefighters courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the firefighting profession who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work hard to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

FIREFIGHTER HENRY "JAY" BRANSCUM

and for his bravery and service to the Northeast R-IV Rural Fire Association and the citizens of Cairo, Missouri, do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all state government buildings in the county of Randolph, Missouri, for one full day on September 8, 2011, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 7th day of September, 2011.

